

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This response includes the following parts, each starting on a new page: Remarks, beginning on page 3, which discusses the claim amendments and addresses the rejections of the office action of March 12, 2004; and a Conclusion on page 14. Exhibits A-E, referred to in this response, are attached.

Status of Claims:

Claims 3, 5-9, 12-15, 20-34 and 36-42 are pending in the application. Claims 9, 12-15, 20-21, 24, 26, 27, 30-31, and 34 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e). Claims 3, 5-7, 22-23, 25, 28-29, 32-33, and 36-42 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a). The Office Action Summary includes claim 8 among the pending claims, but Applicants are unable to find a specific rejection of claim 8 in this Office Action.